

ONE JOHNS CREEK ALCOHOL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

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Methodology

One Johns Creek focused a community assessment on alcohol and prescription drug misuse to ask the community about underage alcohol use and prescription drug misuse. Questions focused on how alcohol and prescription drugs may be obtained in One Johns Creek and what types of substances were being used.

The survey was launched October 3rd and closed October 29th. Multiple venues were used for sending out the survey with most respondents (70.5%) indicating residency in One Johns Creek. Overall, 51 responses were collected during this time.

The survey was completed as an on-line, anonymous questionnaire. Survey procedures were designed to protect the privacy of participants.



Survey Demographics

Respondent City of Residence, 2023

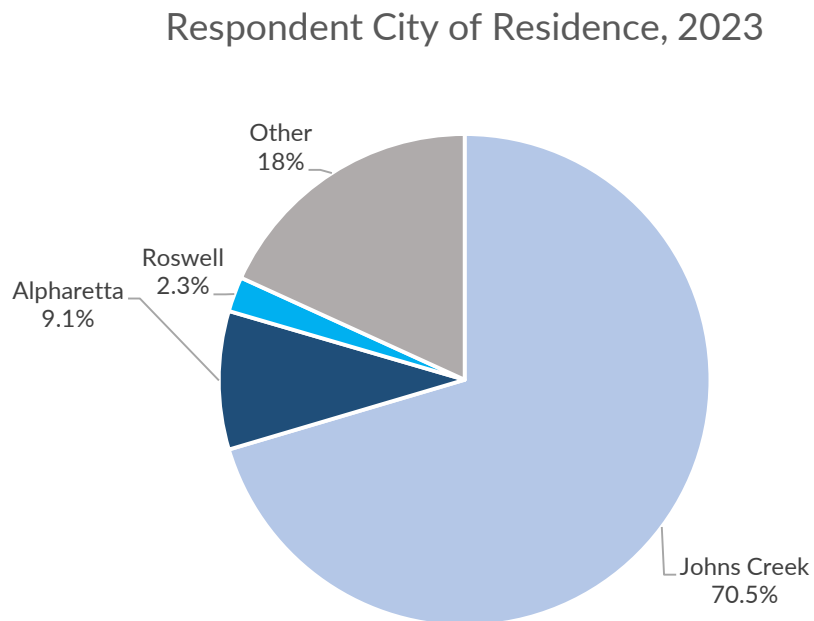


Figure 1: Respondent City of Residence, 2023



Underage Alcohol Use

Who do you think is drinking alcohol underage in this community?

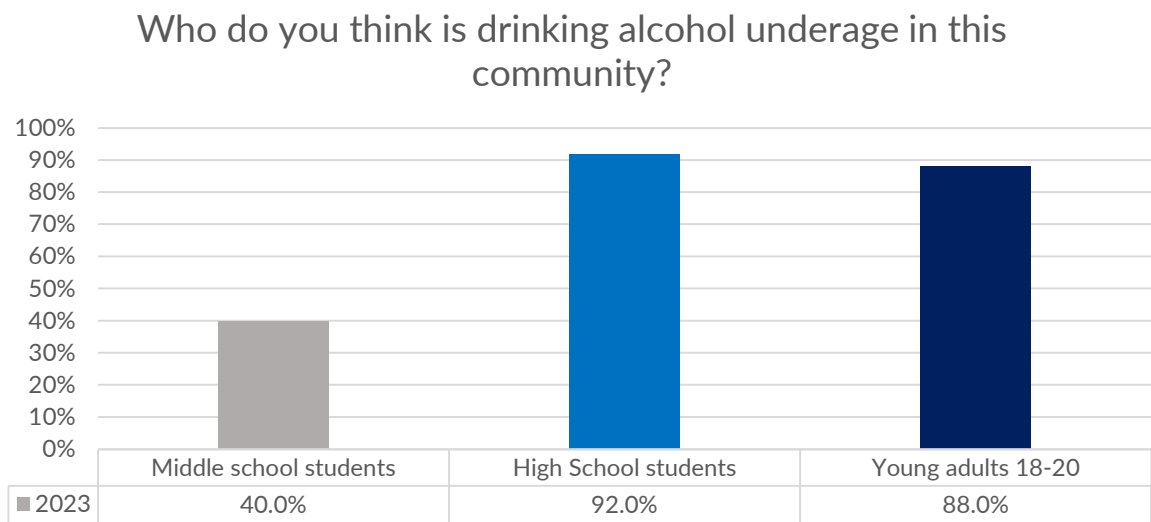


Figure 2: Who do you think is drinking alcohol underage in this community?



Why do you think underage people are drinking alcohol in this community?

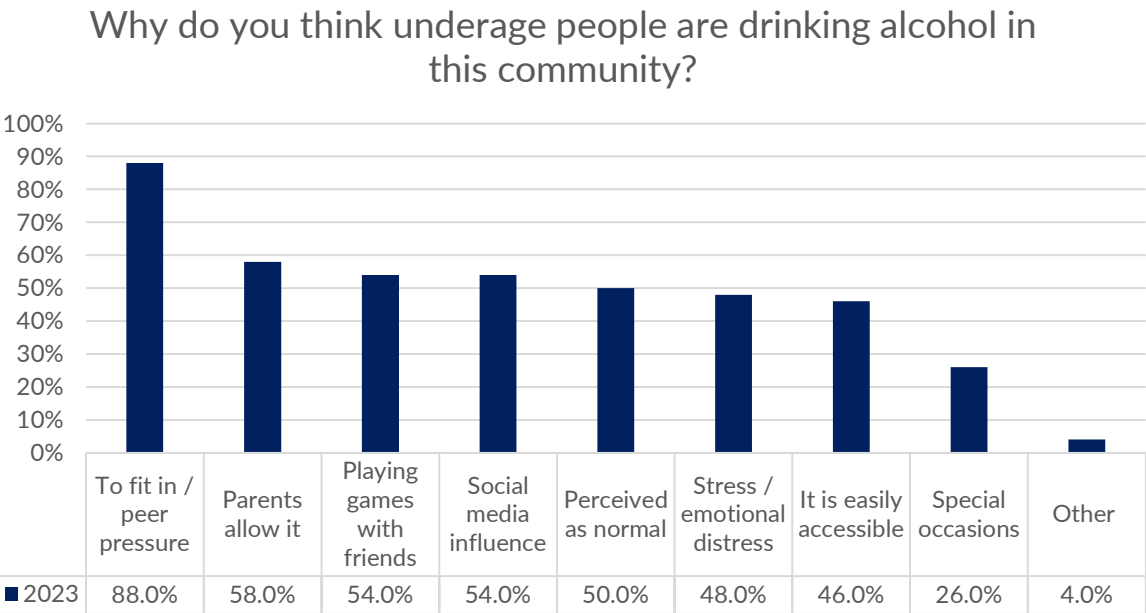


Figure 3: Why do you think underage people are drinking alcohol in this community?



Where do you think underage people are drinking alcohol in this community?

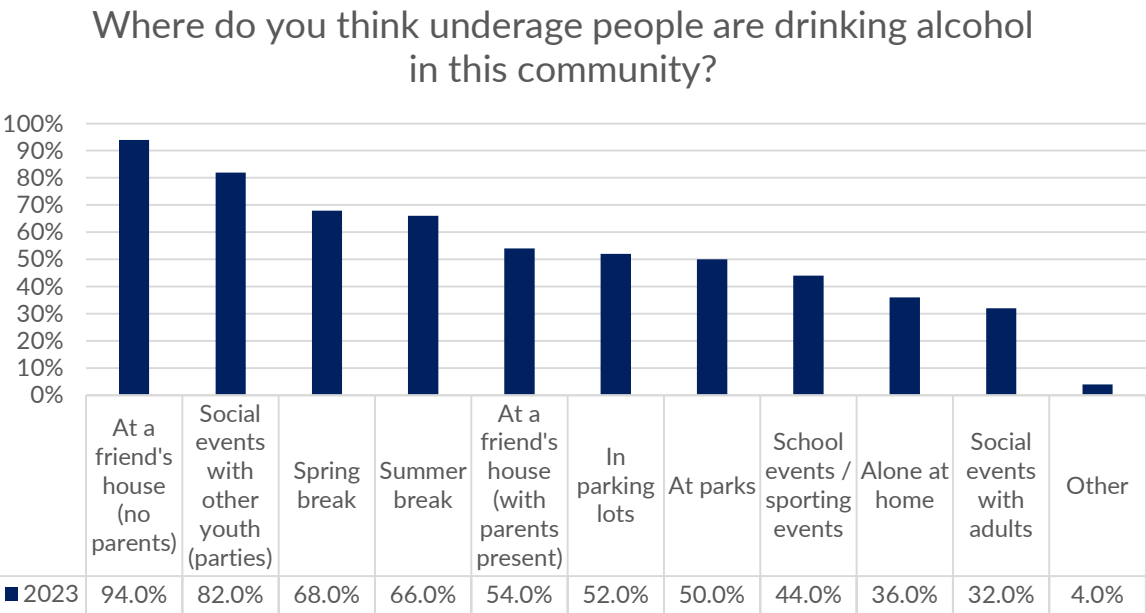


Figure 4: Where do you think underage people are drinking alcohol in this community?



How do you think underage people are accessing alcohol in this community?

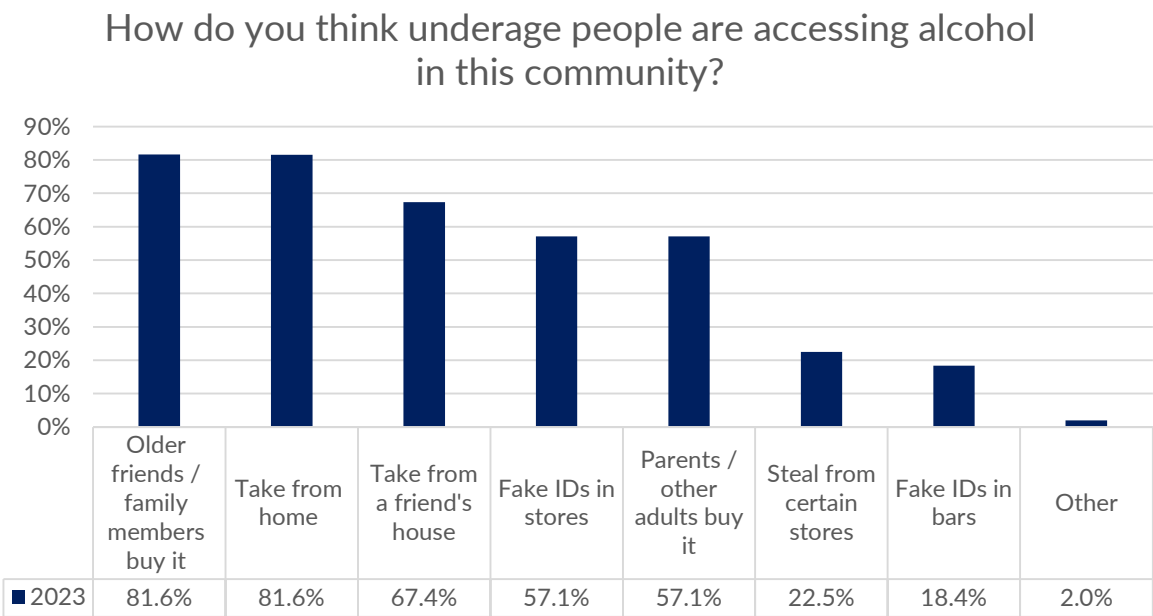


Figure 5: How do you think underage people are accessing alcohol in this community?



What do you perceive are the parental attitudes and behaviors towards underage drinking in this community?

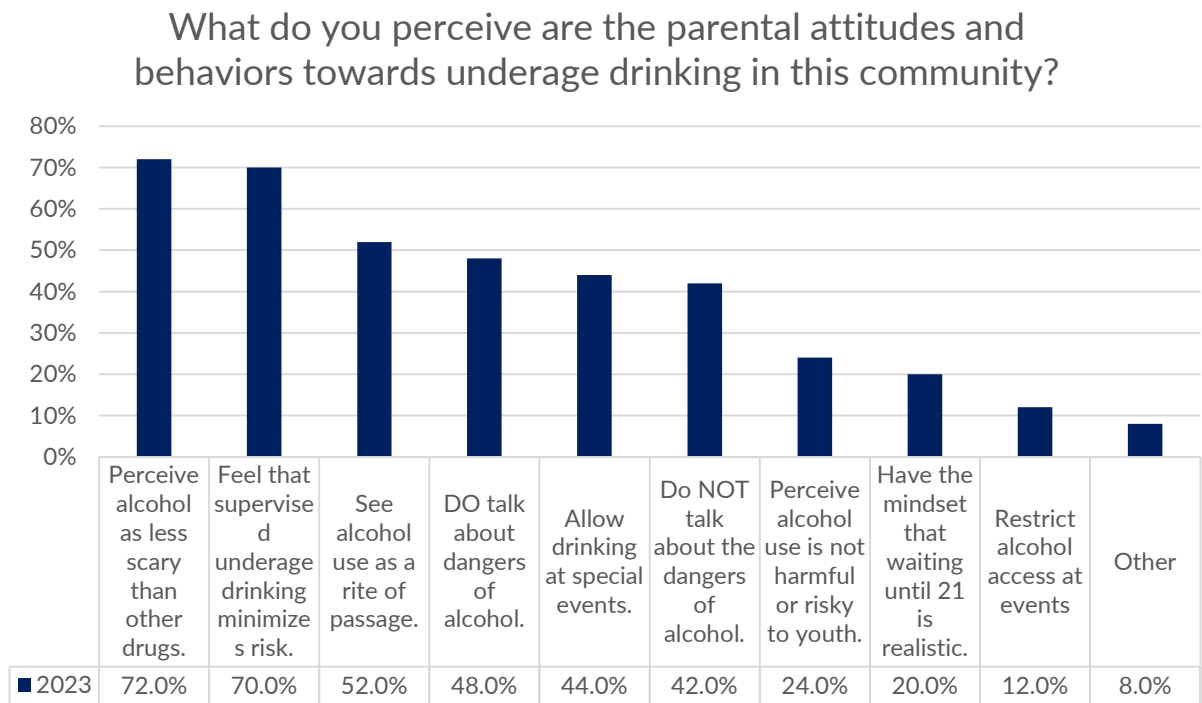


Figure 6: What do you perceive are the parental attitudes and behaviors towards underage drinking in this community?



How likely do you think that underage people believe they will get caught / experience consequences for drinking in this community?

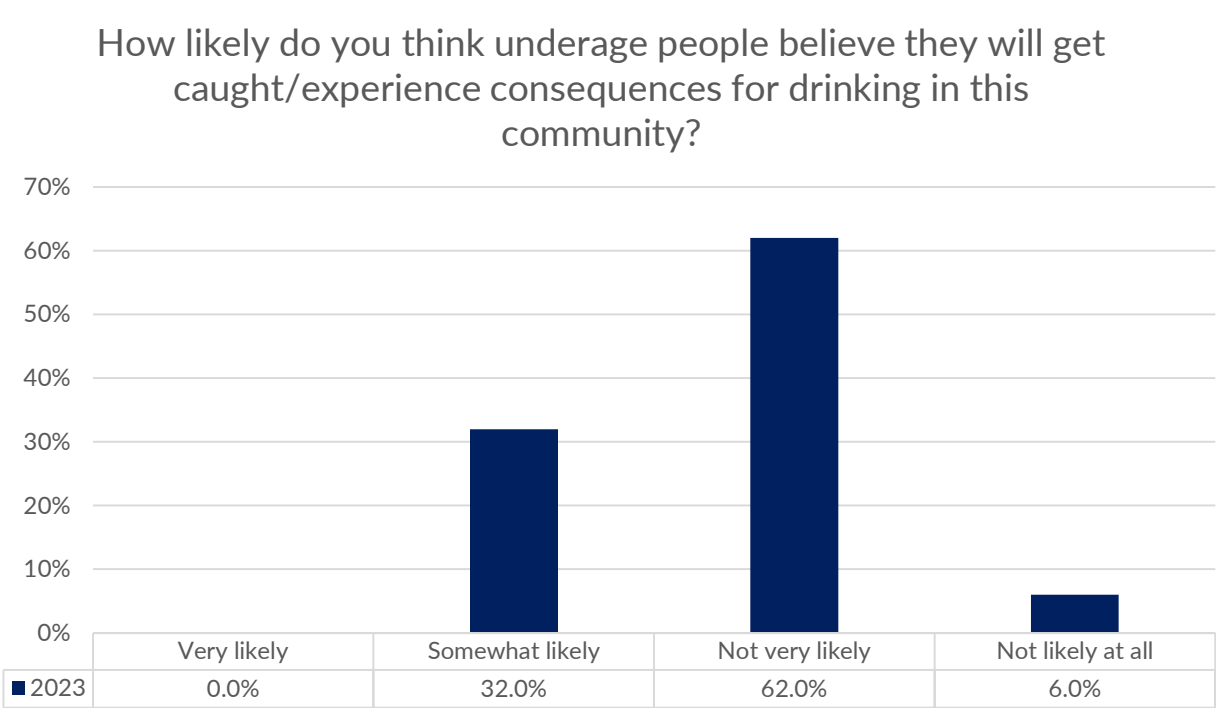


Figure 7: How likely do you think that underage people believe they will get caught / experience consequences for drinking in this community?



Additional comments

- Start talking to them young! I'm sober - I started explaining it from the first time my kids noticed & questioned why I don't drink.
- Parents don't understand that wherever you set the bar, kids will go past it because they are figuring out who they are/who they want to be. If parents say alcohol is, then kids will try drugs to push the limited of independent decision making but if parents say alcohol is for adults, then maybe the kids just try alcohol. There is a fine line to balance with adults having alcohol in moderation to show it is not taboo but rather something for a responsible ADULT.
- Surprised by how many parents are fine with their kids drinking, "it's normal" and "we did at their age". Many of these parents have drinking problems themselves but don't recognize it as a "problem". Vaping is also a massive problem. Doesn't help that there are vape shops in so many neighborhood strip malls throughout Johns Creek.
- Having more awareness events on underage alcohol use might help youth residents and their parents understand the risks of alcohol use
- Know where your kids are and who they are with. Know those kids' parents and discuss your thoughts on underage drinking w/them. Talk honestly with your kids about your own experiences growing up. Spend time with them, LISTEN to them, and support them. Strong families are the best defense against underage drinking.



Prescription Drug Misuse

Who do you think is misusing medications in this community?

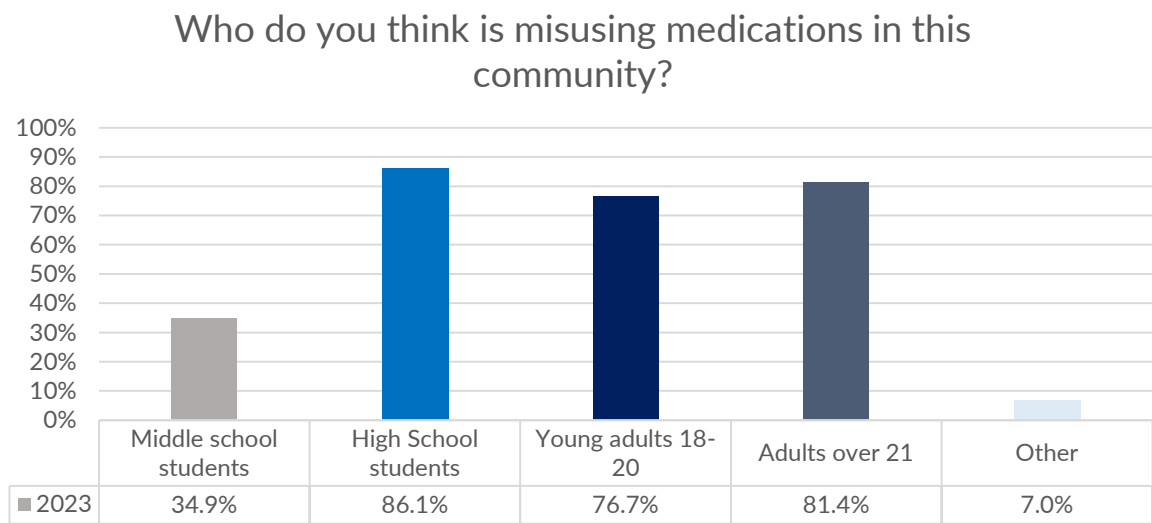


Figure 8: Who do you think is misusing medications in this community?



What types of medications do you think are being misused and by whom in this community?

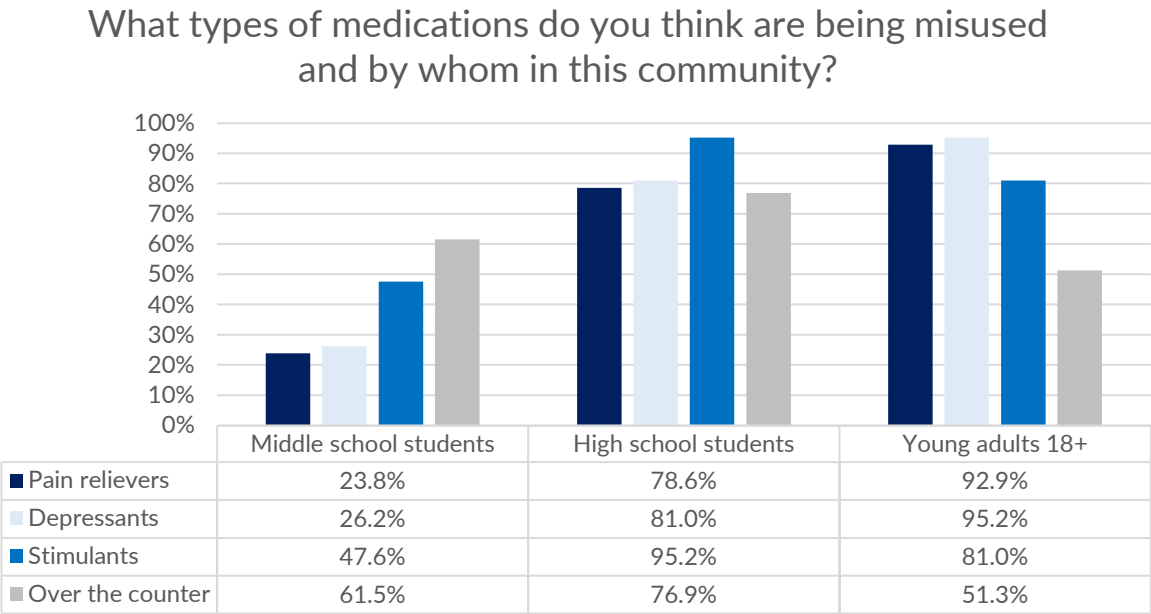


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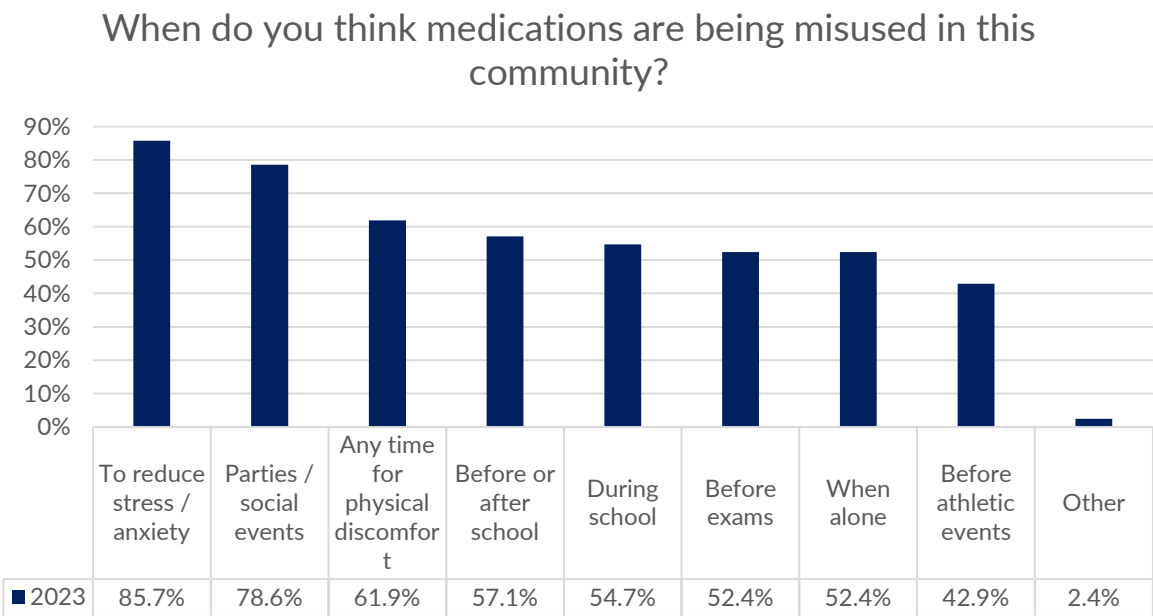


Figure 10: When do you think medications are being misused in this community?



How aware are you of NARCAN and its use?

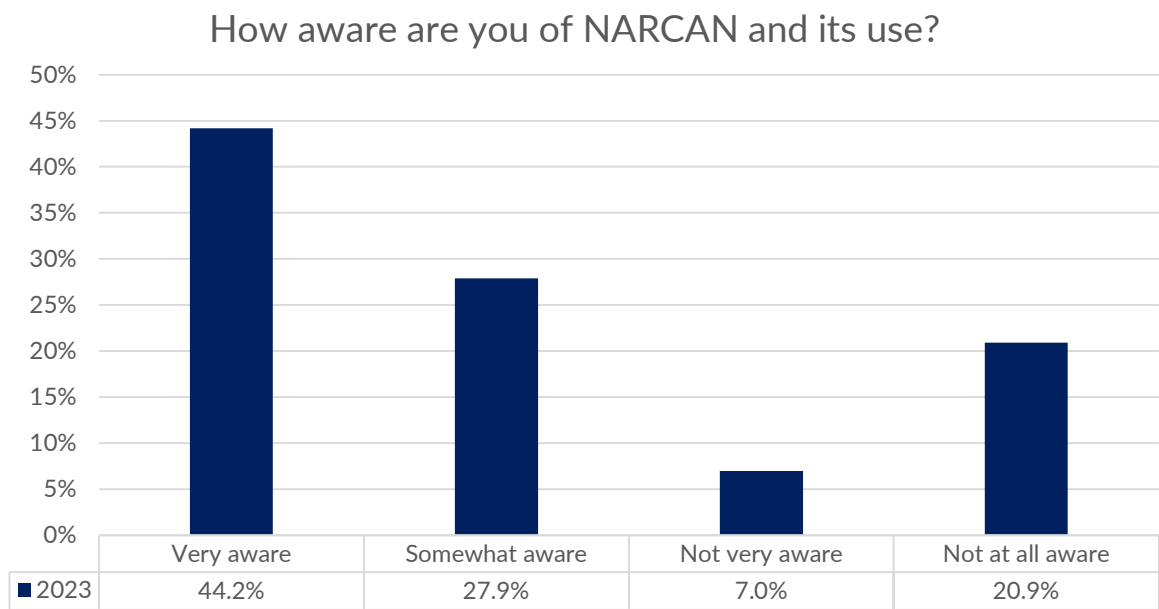


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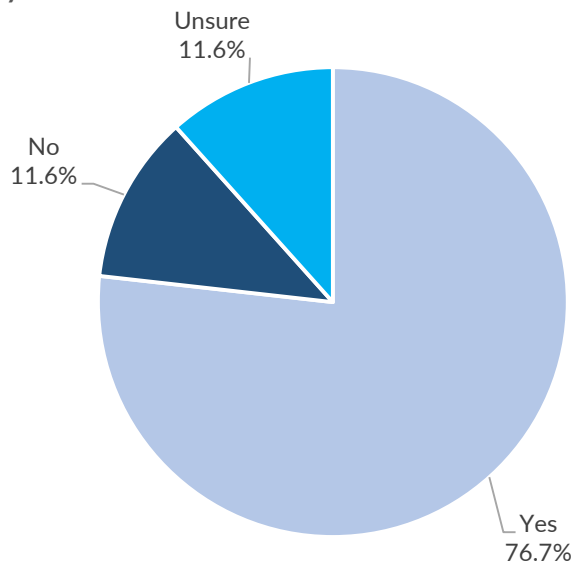


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Where do you think people can get medications for misuse in this community?

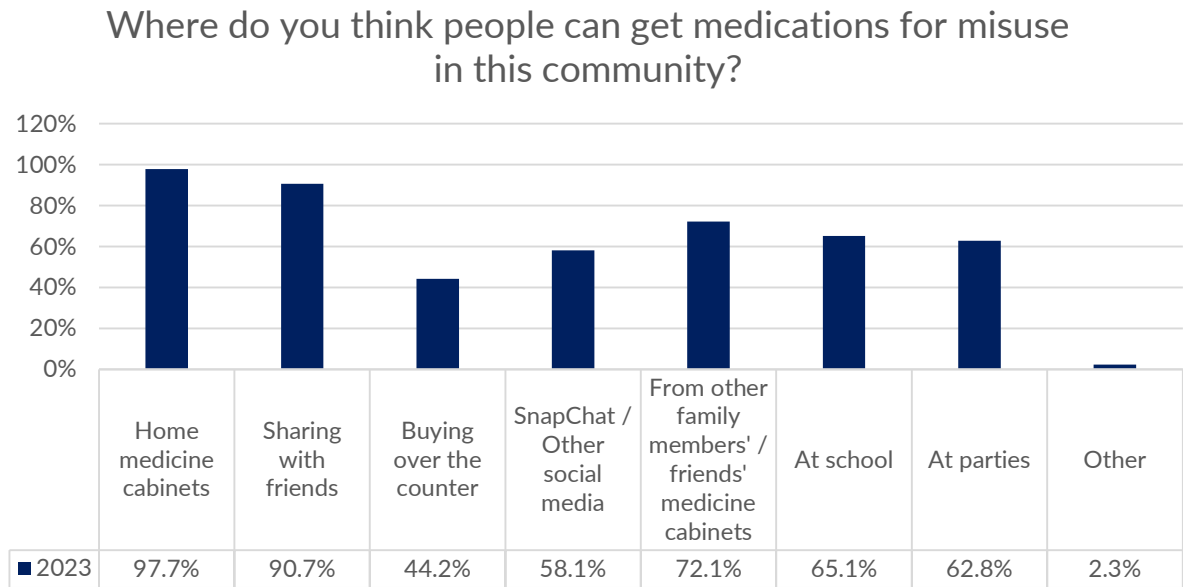


Figure 13: Where do you think people can get medications for misuse in this community?



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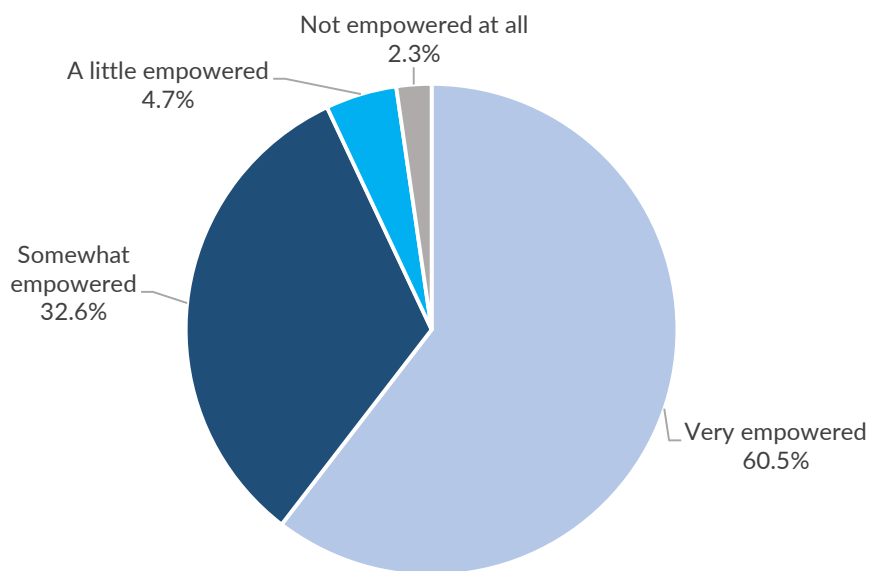


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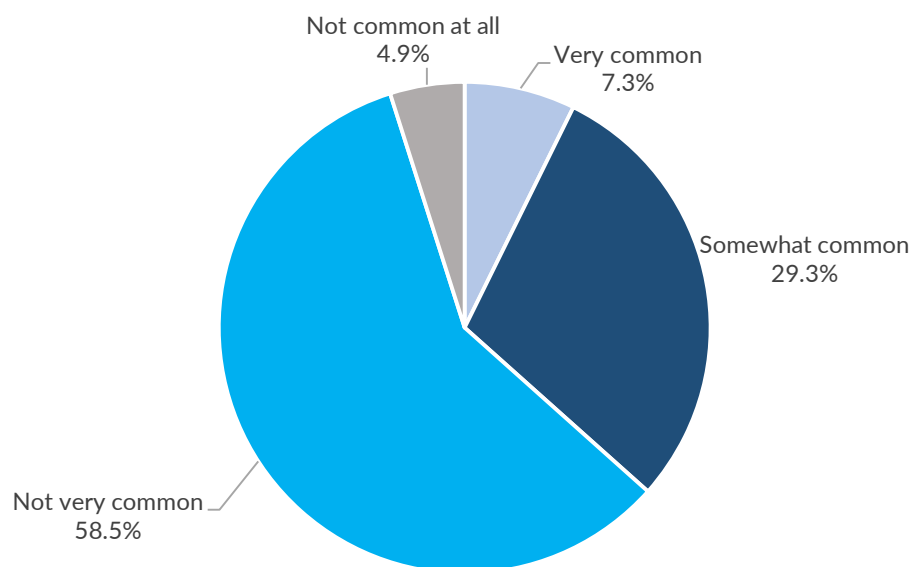


Figure 15: In this community, how common is it for people to monitor medication use in their homes?



How do you currently dispose of medications?

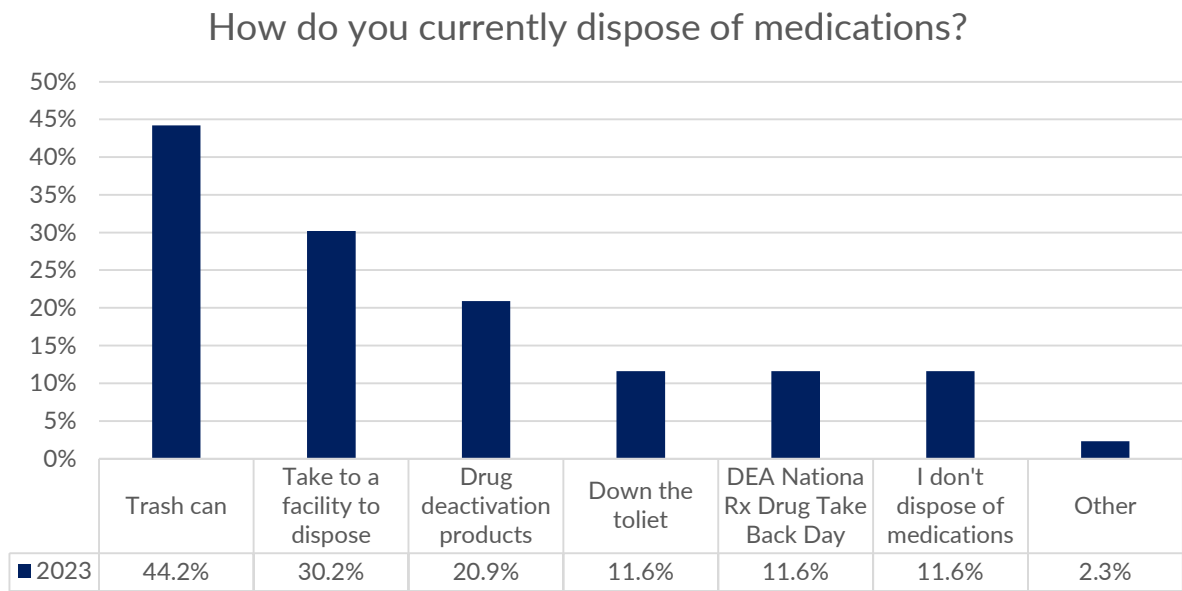


Figure 16: How do you currently dispose of medications?



Additional Comments

- More drop boxes
- The popularity of bringing medication from home to a party and putting it in a bowl for people to grab and take is terrifying.
- I keep all prescriptions in a locked box.
- Keep the billboards going! Education with stark facts of misuse and death have to be communicated.
- I think parents are too quick to put their kids on anxiety and ADD meds which can become addictive. When I lived in Johns Creek, my neighbor's son became addicted to Adderall and Xanax.
- There are a lot of women who swap medicine that is prescribed to them/their children with other friends.
- Lots of misuse stems from overprescription starting at young ages



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